

AL-VI-B-261

Loarville Survey District
Loarville
Private

mid-19th century

Loarville is located approximately .3 of one mile east of Maryland Route 55 near Vale Summit in western Allegany County. Most buildings within the survey district are located on or near a paved road which runs north to south through the town. The buildings of the Loarville Survey District are mostly vernacular-styled frame dwellings. The 1½ or 2 story single family dwellings rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs.

Loarville was founded around the mid-19th century by Jacob Loar and members of his family. Oral tradition indicates that the Loars built many buildings within the town.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Loarville Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

approximately 3 mile east of Maryland Route 55 near Vale Summit.

CITY, TOWN

Loarville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

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COUNTY

Allegany County

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Loarville is located approximately .3 of one mile east of Maryland Route 55 near Vale Summit in western Allegany County. Most buildings within the survey district are located on or near a paved road which runs north to south through the town. The terrain of the survey district is hilly.

The buildings of the Loarville Survey District are mostly vernacular-styled frame dwellings. The 1½ or 2 story single family dwellings rest on stone foundations and have gabled roofs. They are either rectangular or are based on the ell plan. Three buildings within the survey district have shed roofed additions abutting their rear elevations which give them the saltbox common to the mining region.

The Blubaugh Store (AL-VI-B-057) is an Italianate-influenced frame structure. The 2 story building exhibits the flat facade, shed roof and projecting cornice commonly found among the commercial buildings of the mining region.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Loarville is a small village located in the northeastern section of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. The area was settled late in the 18th century by members of the Loar family. The town lies on or near Military Lot #3682 which was patented by the state of Maryland to Abraham Loar, a veteran in the American Revolution. ¹

Loarville was founded around the mid-19th century by Jacob Loar and members of his family. Oral tradition indicates that the Loars built many buildings within the town. ² Later in the latter half of the 19th century the Consolidation Coal Company, the largest coal company mining the Georges Creek region, was mining the area and is known to have owned some dwellings in Loarville. ³ Miners residing in Loarville were employed by the Consolidation Coal Company and the Grant Coal Company. ⁴

Early in the 20th century two stores in Loarville were opened by members of the large Loar family. Both stores provided food and dried goods for the residents of the small town. ⁵

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Stegmaier, Harry, et al, Allegany Co. - A History, Parsons: McClain Printing Co., 1976
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Footnotes

¹Harry Stegmaier, et al, Allegany County-A History, Parsons: McClain Printing Co., 1976, p. 84, and "Map of Military Lots, Tracts and Escheats in Garrett County and Allegany County West of Cumberland, prepared under Act of 1874"

²Interview with Mr. Crede Brody, Loarville, MD 7/81

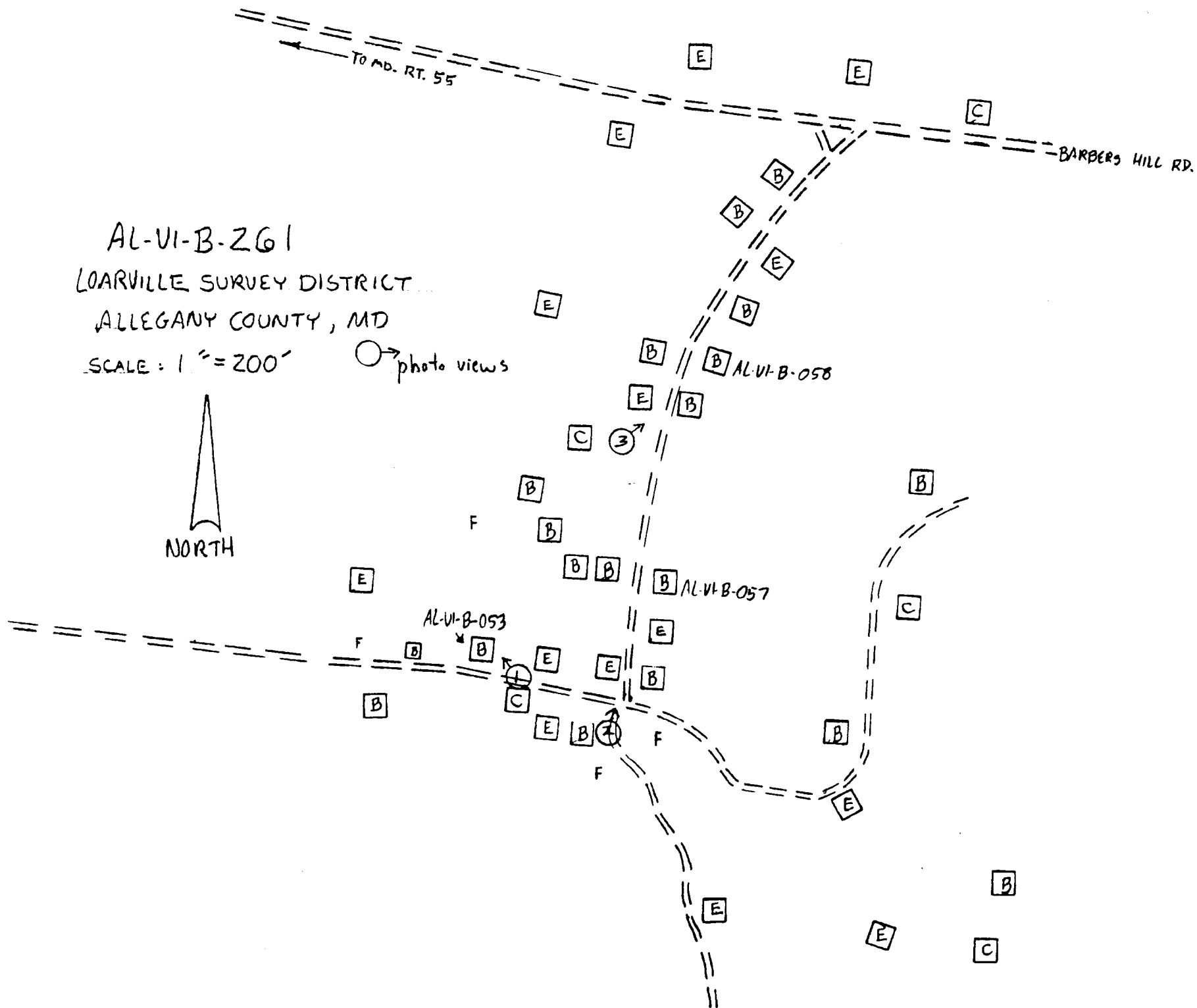
³See MHT Inventory, AL-VI-B-053, specifically "Title Search, Liber 157, Folio 143.

⁴Interview with Mr. James W. Perry, Vale Summit, MD 7/81, and Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Vol. II, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co., 1882, p. 1495.

⁵See MHT Inventory, AL-VI-B-057, 058.

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LOARVILLE SURVEY DISTRICT
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

SCALE: 1" = 200' ○ → photo views





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USGS 7.5 Minute Series

Scale 1:24,000

1950; photorevised 1974

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approximately .3 mile east
of MD Route 55 near Vale
Summit



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photo #1, looking northwest



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photo #2, looking North



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photo #3, looking north